

**SEEKING
NEW TRUTHS**



**FORGING
NEW PATHS**

NOVEMBER 16-17, WESTIN HOTEL, INDIANAPOLIS

2006 Conference for People with Disabilities

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8–9:30 a.m.

Registration/Exhibit Viewing

9:30–10 a.m.

Opening Session – Opening remarks

10–11:30 a.m.

Keynote Session – Dr. Peter Blanck is one of the world's leading scholars and experts on disability law and policy. He will present "The Impact of Globalization on the Disability Community."

11:30–11:45 a.m.

Break

11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch – "Picture This." An interactive training program offered through Health Promotion Services of Community Health Network, "Picture This" will use improvisational theatre and role-playing to involve attendees in problem-solving a variety of challenging work and life issues. Chris Karson will bring the audience a

sampling of "The Wheelchair Monologues," a composite of real-life experiences woven into skits that are both thought-provoking and entertaining.

1:30–1:45 p.m.

Break

1:45–3:45 p.m.

Concurrent Workshops

3:45–4 p.m.

Break

4–6 p.m.

Concurrent Workshops

6–7 p.m.

Exhibit Viewing

7–9 p.m.

Reception – Grab your sombrero and maracas and join us for a Fiesta of Fun at our opening reception. A mariachi band will be on hand to add to the festive atmosphere as we enjoy light refreshments. You won't want to miss your chance to salsa the night away.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8–9:15 a.m.

Registration/Exhibit Viewing

9:15 a.m. – noon

Plenary Session – Dr. Nancy Henkin, executive director of Temple University's Center for Intergenerational Learning, will ask attendees to imagine a community that fully engages members of all ages, a community that sees all individuals as a unique resource contributing to the fabric of the community. Dr. Henkin will challenge the audience regarding old assumptions, offering a new vision for all members of the community. A reactor panel will then examine ways of achieving this new vision, what systems must be in place, what philosophy is in play and how to cultivate an atmosphere of acceptance.

Noon–12:15 p.m.

Break

12:15–3:15 p.m.

Awards Luncheon – Presentation of the Governor's Council's new Community Spirit Awards

Distinguished Leadership Awards: presented to one person with a disability and one parent or guardian of a child with a disability. The recipients will be honored for extraordinary contributions to disability advocacy.

Disability Awareness Campaign Awards: presented to one individual and one group or organization for outstanding efforts to promote Disability Awareness Month in schools, businesses and/or communities.

Closing Session – Dr. Al Condeluci, one of America's leading consultants on human services and community issues, will discuss "Unlimited Possibilities." Responding to a new reality requires a new way of thinking and doing. Dr. Condeluci will bring into sharp focus the messages heard over the past two days, while expanding attendees' knowledge about themselves and asking members of the audience to stretch their imaginations as to what could be.

(Topics and speakers subject to change.)

DRAWINGS FOR
DOOR PRIZES
WILL BE HELD
THROUGHOUT
THE CONFERENCE.

WORKSHOPS

TOPICS AND SPEAKERS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

THURSDAY, 1:45 – 3:45 P.M.

CAREERS IN ART

This workshop will offer a lesson learned by Pablo Picasso: “I’m always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it.” ArtWorks Indiana will be hosting a panel discussion drawing from the expertise of successful artists and supportive organizations. The panel will openly discuss opportunities that are currently available, as well as forthcoming opportunities, including information about art-related jobs for artists and non-artists seeking careers in this field. Topics will include building a Web site, artist success stories, how to market yourself, career opportunities in the arts and an introduction of “The Wheelchair Monologues.”

TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES:

Legislative Update and the ADA

This panel discussion will offer information about legislation that will be proposed at Indiana’s next General Assembly session. This workshop will offer perspectives on how the change in Senate leadership will impact the legislative process and current rulings. The speakers will also discuss how the ADA is doing in Indiana.

CHARTING A COURSE FOR LIFE:

How to Help your Child Transition from School to Adulthood

This session will provide families with information on how to prepare for a child transitioning out of school-based services and into adulthood. Topics include a discussion of the resources available to help both parents and children prepare for transition, resources and adult services programs to explore (VR, day programs, post-secondary education, waiver supports, etc.), guardianship and more.

EMPLOYMENT FIRST OPPORTUNITIES

This workshop will explore the Social Security Administration’s work incentives and the vision of Employment First as a means to allow people with disabilities better access to the workplace.

ESTATE PLANNING:

Making Future Choices

Planning for the future is an essential part of one’s life path. This workshop will address legal, financial and family issues that are key for people with disabilities and their families. These include wills, special needs trusts, guardianship, Medicaid, SSI and letters of intent. Common mistakes and misperceptions will be reviewed, followed by time for questions and answers.

THURSDAY, 4 – 6 P.M.

CHILDHOOD TRANSITIONS:

Taking the Next Step

This session will provide information for families regarding transition from the First Steps program to public and/or community preschool services. The training is designed to be an interactive learning experience for families about First Steps timelines, special education (including legislation), Head Start and other community options available to families.

FAMILY SUPPORTS:

Future Investment in Family Values

This workshop will offer a glance at what a comprehensive family support network should entail. It will explore how to make the system work for you, as well as the challenges that lie ahead in ensuring a system that puts the family in the driver seat and fosters the involvement of families and persons with disabilities in decision making, needs assessment and providing services.

GENERATION’S PROJECT:

Forging a New Path

This presentation will provide insights on the Generation’s Project and the unique opportunity that exists in the implementation of SEA 493 – establishing and or growing Medicaid home- and community-based services (HCBS) waivers for assisted living, adult foster care, adult day care, home care and self-directed care. This also includes converting people from institutional care to HCBS utilizing, among other means, “money follows the person.” Come hear how you can be a part of this exciting initiative.

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HEALTH CARE IN INDIANA AND THE U.S.

The high number of uninsured individuals is creating a health care crisis in the United States. Numerous proposals are being offered as the “New Truths” for shaping the health care industry. Will people with disabilities have a place at the table when new proposals are being discussed? If you want to be a part of this discussion, plan on attending this session to gain a fuller understanding of what is at stake.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

STORY TENT

Conference attendees will have an opportunity to share their stories at the onsite "Story Tent," which will be staffed by videographers and interviewers from the Center on Aging and Community of the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community. Participants can also choose to have their stories considered for inclusion in the dramatic production "The Wheelchair Monologues," an exciting new disability awareness project planned by ArtWorks Indiana. Stories will be archived and, with permission, displayed on the online Museum Web site at www.mop-i.org. Come share your story. Every story is interesting, and every story is a worthwhile legacy for us all.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEUs) AVAILABLE

The Conference has been approved for continuing education units (CEUs) by the Indiana University School of Social Work. Thursday's sessions, in total, equal 7.5 hours of continuing education credits. Friday's sessions, in total, account for 6.75 hours. Those wishing to receive CEUs must pick up a form for each day of participation at the Conference registration desk. The form will give further instructions, including payment (\$10 for each participation day) and mailing information, to receive credits. (Checks will not be collected at the Conference.)

THE COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGES AND CONGRATULATES THE ARC OF INDIANA ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Arc of Indiana will celebrate its 50th anniversary during "A Night Out with the Stars" at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. This event coincides with the conference's opening reception Nov. 16. Attendees are encouraged to attend both events. For more information or to register for the Arc's celebration, visit their Web site at www.arcind.org or call (800) 382-9100 (voice).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development will provide information about employment opportunities. Listings from the state Job Bank and lists of employment counselors will be available.

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LODGING

You are responsible for your own accommodations (unless you are a scholarship recipient living 50 miles or more outside of Indianapolis). A block of rooms at the Westin has been reserved at special rates. The Westin offers accessible rooms upon request; please mention the Conference when registering to receive the discounted rate. Also note that parking rates are in addition to costs below.

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RATES

Single\$ 81/day
Double\$ 91/day
Triple\$ 101/day
Quad\$ 111/day

Tax rate on all rooms is 15% (not included in above rates).
Reservation deadline is Monday, Oct. 16, 2006.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DR. PETER BLANCK, Professor at Syracuse University, is chair of its Burton Blatt Institute (BBI). Prior to his appointment at Syracuse, Blanck was Kierscht Professor of Law and director of the Law, Health Policy and Disability Center at the University of Iowa. Dr. Blanck has written articles and books on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and related laws, received grants to study disability law and policy, represented clients before the U.S. Supreme Court in ADA cases and testified before Congress. His work has received national and international attention. He is a board member of the National Organization on Disability (N.O.D.), Disability Rights Law Center (DRLC), and Disability Rights Advocates (DRA), as well as a trustee of YAI/National Institute for People with Disabilities Network.



DR. AL CONDELUCI, CEO of United Cerebral Palsy of Pittsburgh, has been an advocate and catalyst for building community capacities and understanding culture since 1970. He has been with UCP since 1973 – serving as attendant, caseworker, advocate, planner and program director before taking over as CEO. Dr. Condeluci also is associated with the University of Pittsburgh's School of Social Work and School of Health and Rehabilitation Science, and the Robert Morris University Graduate School of Business. He has written a number of books on human services and community issues. A member of his local United Way board of directors, Dr. Condeluci also serves on the board for the Southwest Pennsylvania Partnership for Aging.

DR. NANCY HENKIN is founder and executive director of Temple University's Center for Intergenerational Learning. The center strives to strengthen communities by uniting generations to meet the needs of people and families in all stages of life. Her work earned her the Jack Ossosky Award of NCOA in March 2005. For 25 years, Dr. Henkin has developed intergenerational programs, written books on the topic and consulted with local, national and international organizations in the fields of aging, youth and education. Dr. Henkin serves on the Mayor's Commission on Aging in Philadelphia and the Verizon National Consumer Advisory Board.



PARTIAL LIST OF PRESENTERS

DENISE ARLAND, Regional Facilitator,
Family to Family

ED BELL, Farmer, Speaker-Consultant

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